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SUBJECT: SOVIET SHIPPING PRESENCE IN EAST AFRICA

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VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL SHIPPING AGENT FOR A WELL ESTABLISHED
WESTERN EUROPEAN SHIPPING LINE REPORTS THAT TO DATE THERE HAS
BEEN LITTLE EASTERN BLOC PENETRATION INTO THE MADAGASCAR/
EUROPEAN TRADE. HIS RECORDS SHOW ONLY 6 EASTERN BLOC
VESSELS CALLING IN MADAGASCAR SINCE JUNE 1975 WITH LIFTINGS
OF COFFEE, BUTTER BEANS, AND OIL CAKE OF APPROXIMATELY 1,000
TONS PER VOYAGE. IN ALL CASES, THESE VOYAGES WERE NOT PART
OF A SCHEDULED SERVICE. AGENT'S CONTACTS IN EUROPE HAVE
REPORTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN RECENT MONTHS APPROXIMATELY ONE
EASTERN BLOC VESSEL PER MONTH HAS DEPARTED EUROPE FOR MADAGASCAR
AND LOCAL AGENT FEARS THIS MAY BE BEGINNING OF SCHEDULED SERVICE.
MOST RECENT REPORTED EASTERN BLOC SAILING FOR MADAGASCAR IS
THE M/V BERDIANSK DUE TO ARRIVE IN MADAGASCAR IN LATE MARCH
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WITH APPROXIMATELY 500 TONS OF PAPER PULP LOADED IN
SCANDINAVIA OR NORTHER EUROPE. ALTHOUGH LOCAL AGENT HAS
NO FIRM INFORMATION ON RATES, HIS CONTACTS IN EUROPE BELIEVE
EASTERN BLOC LINES ARE CHARGING APPROXIMATELY 15 PER CENT
UNDER CONFERENCE RATES. CONFERENCE IN QUESTION IS CIMACOREMA
(INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR MADAGASCAR, COMORES, REUNION &
MAURITIUS), A TWO-WAY CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY HEADQUARTERS

AT 17 RUE MIROMESNIL IN PARIS (PHONE 265-55-34). LOCAL
AGENT BELIEVES THAT MOST EASTERN BLOC VESSELS IN EAST AFRICAN
TRADE ARE FROM BESTA OR BALTAFRICA LINES, AND THAT
BALTAFRICA IS A COMBINATION SERVICE UTILIZING EASTERN BLOC VESSELS
OF VARIOUS FLAGS SUCH AS DSR (EAST GERMAN LINE) AND
POLISH OCEAN LINES.
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